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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the foreign patent documents are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in a Search Report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding European application and may be relevant for at least the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Office Action is included for the Examiner's review.

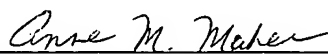
In addition, an English-language abstract of the Japanese patent document is enclosed, and may provide a concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese document.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of an Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, under 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), Applicants believe that no fee is required. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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